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'FINE FEATHERS' FALLS BELOW USUAL ALL-STAR PLAYERS MARK



Marie Van Tassell, whose portrayal of Mrs. Collins in "Fine Feathers," is the feature in the feminine roles.

Long Intervals Spoil Interest In Eugene Walter's Drama of High Finance

A goodsized audience waited patiently nearly three hours and a half yesterday evening while the All-Star Players Company, assisted by a depreciable force of stage hands, worked out the tragic destiny of Robert Reynolds and wife in Eugene Walter's drama, "Fine Feathers." Whatever interest might have been aroused over the story of the chemist, whose wife led him astray and finally caused his suicide, was absolutely spoiled by the long intervals before and between the four long acts which, with much talking, dragged their slow and weary way across the boards. At last, tired of sitting, the long-suffering audience was released, to break madly for the last home-bound cars.

The curtain rose on the first act at about 8:45 o'clock, and it was 11:25 when the curtain fell after George Webb, as Reynolds, had figuratively blown his brains out.

"Fine Feathers" may have been a powerful vehicle for the all-star cast which toured the states, but it went wide of the mark last night. Not that there were any "bad breaks," but merely that it did not fit the local company as it should have done. There were just three good characters. George Webb was as good as ever. His was the strong part. Had the others done equally as well there is little doubt the crowd would have gone home satisfied despite the interminable length of the story. Cliff Thompson, newspaper reporter and friend of the ill-fated Reynolds couple, gave satisfaction with his portrayal, and Marie Van Tassell took the role of Mrs. Collins, the meddling neighbor, as nearly perfect as could be desired.

Florence Oakley's role is one of the disappointments of the piece. It distinctly does not fit her. Moreover, there were moments when she even seemed doubtful of her lines. Guy Hittner, the villain, as usual, in the role of John Brand, the wealthy crooked contractor who led the Reynolds couple into trouble, handled his part well enough.

Reynolds is a \$25-a-week chemist married to a beautiful young wife, and living in a cheap installment-apartment home on Staten Island, to which on every Wednesday evening comes the young newspaper friend of the husband for dinner and a visit with his chum. Into the home is brought the old college mate, John Brand, now a successful contractor, with a \$40,000 cash offer if the chemist will permit the substitution of inferior cement in a huge dam which the contractor is building. Meantime Reynolds' wife has become extravagant and is "head over heels" in debt. She hears the offer and though Reynolds fights against

PALESTINE FOR THE JEWS MAY RESULT FROM WAR

[Associated Press]
LONDON, England. One result of the present war may be the realization of the dream of centuries past—the setting up of Palestine as an independent Jewish state. Both England and Russia will favor the project, says the London Globe—England because a small neutral state in the Holy Land will be the best possible protection to Suez and Egypt, Russia because it will make the way easier for her to settle certain Jewish problems within her own borders. Continuing, the Globe says:

"The events of the moment show how immediately Egyptian integrity is imperilled by the fact that a right of way through Palestine is open to a hostile power. Palestine must become either British or neutral. There is an obvious political objection to a British occupation. Neutrality is the more desirable solution.

"But if Palestine is to become neutral, who is to govern it? Directly that question is raised the claim of the Jews forces itself upon our attention. We have to deal with the remarkable fact that a people which lost its country over two thousand years ago still cherishes the memory of that loss, and links the hope of recovery with its deepest religious instincts.

"Here then we have two influences at work for the reestablishment of a Jewish state—the British desire for a neutral Palestine and the territorial instinct of the Jews themselves. There is a third influence. Russia has pledged herself to the reestablishment of an autonomous Poland under the Czar. But in Poland, as we know it now, there is one obvious obstacle to the development of a Polish state strong in its national consciousness, and that is the presence of a large Jewish element. All who know Russian Poland will agree that a settlement of the Jewish question is essential to the complete success of the great scheme to which Russia is pledged, and will recognize that it is precisely to the Polish Jews that the reconstitution of the Jewish state would make the strongest appeal."

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